



# Saint-Émilion

*Little Adventures*



*The satellites of Saint-Émilion*

## YOU WONDER WHAT DOES SATELLITE OF SAINT-ÉMILION MEAN? THIS TOUR IS FOR YOU!

The villages of Montagne, Saint-Georges, Lussac and Puisseguin have given their names to 4 appellations of controlled origin and produce red wines. Since the 1920s, they have been able to officially associate the name of Saint-Émilion with the name of their municipalities: "Montagne Saint-Émilion", "Saint-Georges Saint-Émilion", "Lussac Saint-Émilion" and "Puisseguin Saint-Émilion".

Open your eyes wide while driving around these vineyards, these locations have nice surprises in store for you, whether you love landscapes or historical heritage.

### *Car ride*

This trip starting from Saint-Emilion will take you through the villages of Saint-Georges, Montagne, Lussac, Puisseguin and Parsac.

## SAINT-GEORGES

From the roundabout at the « Place Bourgeoise » in Saint-Emilion, take the D122 towards Montagne. As you leave the town, you will see two former windmills, nowadays without their wings.

A little further on, you pass the small shady area of La Barbanne. It is the entrance of the Yelloh Village campsite. This area is named after the stream that you might have crossed without noticing it. It marks the limit of the AOC Saint-Émilion and its satellites. In fact, you are entering the Saint-Georges-Saint-Émilion appellation.

A little further on, on your right, there is the Château Saint-Georges. Surrounded by gardens overlooking the vineyard, it offers a superb panorama of the estate and the bell tower of the monolithic church of Saint-Émilion. Having belonged to Henri IV, it was renovated in the 18th century thanks to the architect Victor Louis. (The wine estate can be visited by appointment).

Shortly after the château, you will find the church of Saint Georges de Montagne. Take the time to discover the Romanesque sculptures of its portal and its chevet.

## MONTAGNE

Then go to Montagne. The town contains many hidden treasures, be very attentive! Take some time to discover the heart of the city and the church of Saint Martin, built in the 12th century.

For the sportiest ones, we suggest several possibilities of hikes starting from the church :

- Walking tour: "The satellites : Montagne and Saint Georges" - with the Bois de Bonde path and the Château des Tours (private).
- Cycling tour: "Montagne et Saint-Georges with family"- with the mills of Calon
- Cycling tour: "History and heritage around Montagne" - with the Château des Tours (private), the menhir of Picampeau, the remains of the abbey of Faize (private) and the mills of Calon
- Cycling tour: "Néac and Lalande-de-Pomerol".  
To see: the mills of Calon



- Cycling tour: "Around Parsac and Saint-Georges".  
To see: the Château des Tours (private), the remains of the keep of Malangin and the small church of Parsac.

## *You prefer to drive around?*

Just at the exit of the village, we suggest two options:

- From the center of Montagne, take the D244 towards Puisseguin to leave Montagne. A bit further on, turn right in the direction of « Les Vallons ». After two bends, the path on your right will lead you to the Château des Tours, built in the XIVth century (Private property, do not enter in the Castle's enclosure).

Go back on the D244, still in the direction of Puisseguin, and take the first road on the left, the « l'impasse de Marchand ». Right in front of you, you will find a big sign : the starting point of the "Sentier du bois de Bonde". This 3.3 km walk between woods and vineyards is animated by 17 interpretation panels. Landscape, work in the vineyard, fauna and flora, history of the territory and its appellations will no longer hold any secrets from you. The route includes 900 m off-road: put your hike shoes on and keep dogs on a leash !

### *Photo Break*

**AT PANEL N°13 THERE IS A  
BEAUTIFUL VIEWPOINT OVERLOOKING  
MONTAGNE AND LUSSAC BELL TOWERS.**

- From the center of Montagne, take the D122 in the direction of Lussac. Pass the stadium, then, a little further on, turn left in the direction of Artigues-de-Lussac. Exit Montagne, then, at Château Calon, turn left and immediately right. You arrive at the windmills of Calon. These towers built in the 17th century remained in activity until the 1930s. They were restored in the 1980's by the Boidron family, still the owner (information at +33 5 57 51 64 88).



## **LUSSAC**

Come back on the D122 to reach Lussac. At the entrance of the town, turn right to pass in front of the "college" (secondary school) and head out of the city. At the fork, leave the road and walk along the path at the level of the Château Haut-Piquat. By following the markings of the hiking trail, you will discover the menhir of Picampeau, Gallic megalith of the second Iron Age. Keep an eye out, it is often covered by vegetation.

You can head back to your car and take a well deserved break on the church square. There you will find local shops and a market on Thursdays. In front of the church, an art work may catch your attention: the Vinatomium, inspired by the Brussels Atomium. For the inhabitants of Lussac, it is a reference to their Belgian friends who came in 1989 to celebrate the bicentenary of the French Revolution, as its twin city is Licent in Belgium. The spheres were replaced by barrels, one being full.





Starting from Saint Peter's church, we propose two hikes of about 3 hours:

- Walking tour: "[The satellites: Lussac](#)"  
To see : menhir of Picampeau
- Cycling tour "[Churches and castles in the Lussac Area](#)"  
To see: Castles of Monbadon and Puyfromage, the church of Cornemps

*Are you driving around in a camper van?*

An camping-car area is located nearby at La Grange, below the church. Reservations on [Camping-car Park](#).

## PUISSEGUIN

Join now the road D17 to go to [Puisseguin](#). The heart of the lovely village is animated by a market on Wednesdays. Behind the church and above the ancient wash-house, you will find a grassy area with sanitary facilities, ideal for picnics. To know all the picnic places of the Grand Saint-Émilionnais, [click HERE](#) >

*Feel like walking?*

Walking tour: "[The satellites : Puisseguin](#)" starts at the church for a 17 km route.

You will approach the imposing Château de Monbadon. If you wish, take a break at the picnic area of the Saint Martin de Monbadon church (sanitary facilities on site and free camper van spot).

Before leaving Puisseguin, on foot or by car, take the D123E7 towards Saint-Philippe d'Aiguilhe.

*Photo  
Break*

**A FEW METERS AWAY, ON THE HEIGHTS,  
ENJOY A MAGNIFICENT [VIEW](#) OF THE CASTLE  
OF PUISSEGUIN.**

## PARSAC

To reach the last step of the journey, join the D130 in the direction of Parsac/Saint-Christophe des Bardes.

Park in front of the small church Notre Dame de Parsac.

*Photo  
Break*

**FROM THE CHURCH, THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL  
VIEW ON THE VINEYARD.**



Finish this day with the short hike "[Around Parsac](#)".

*Churches of the Saint-Émilionnais :*

For more information about the churches of the 22 communes of the Grand Saint-Émilionnais, you can download our discovery guide "Journey through time" by [clicking HERE](#) >.